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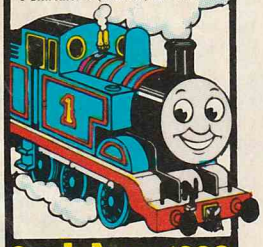

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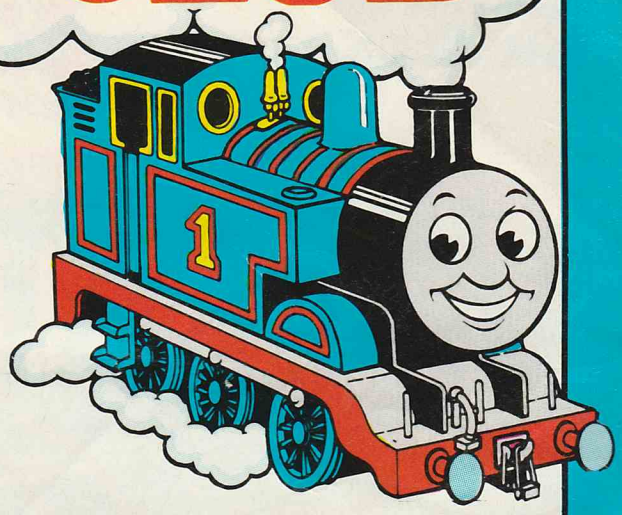

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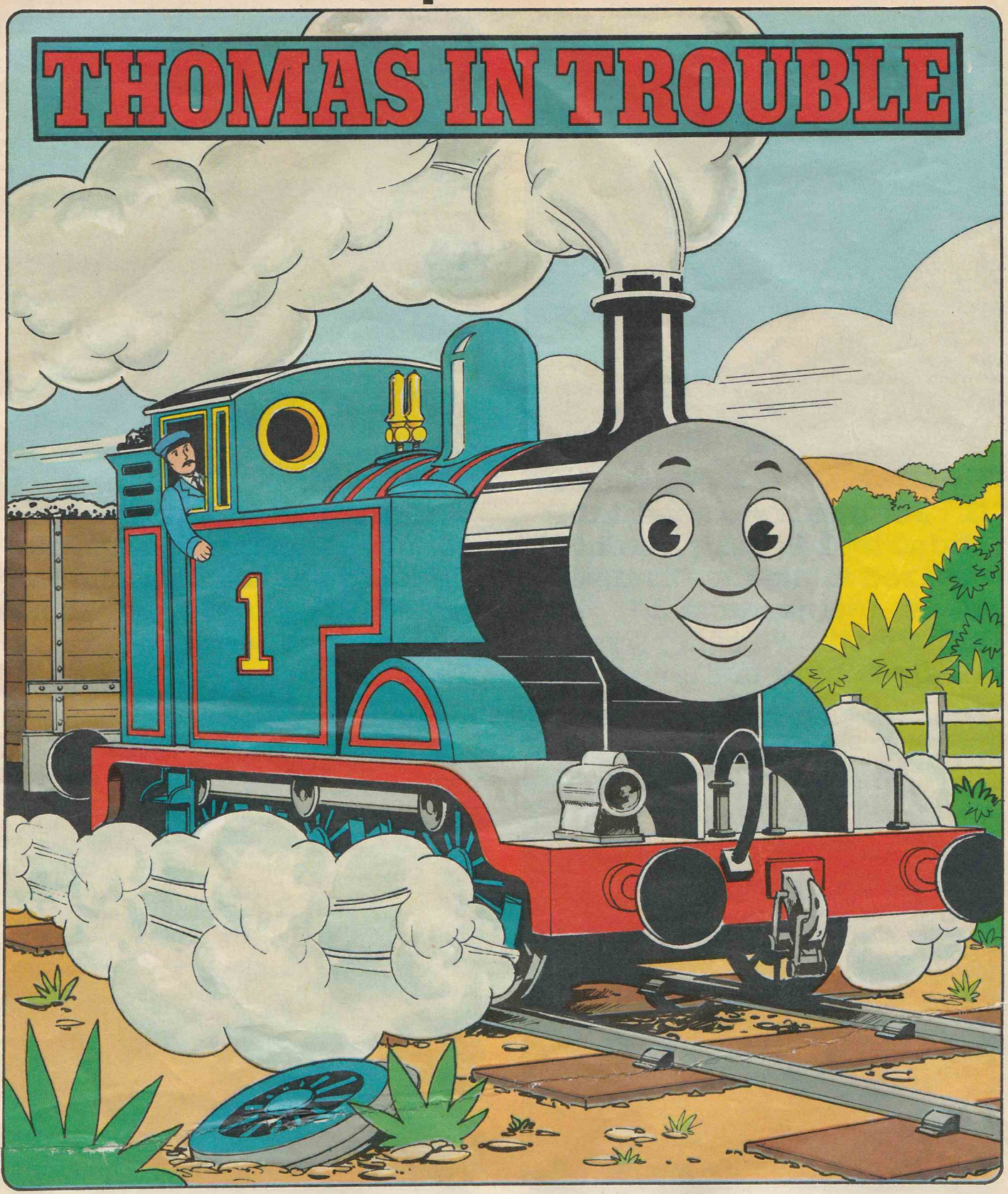
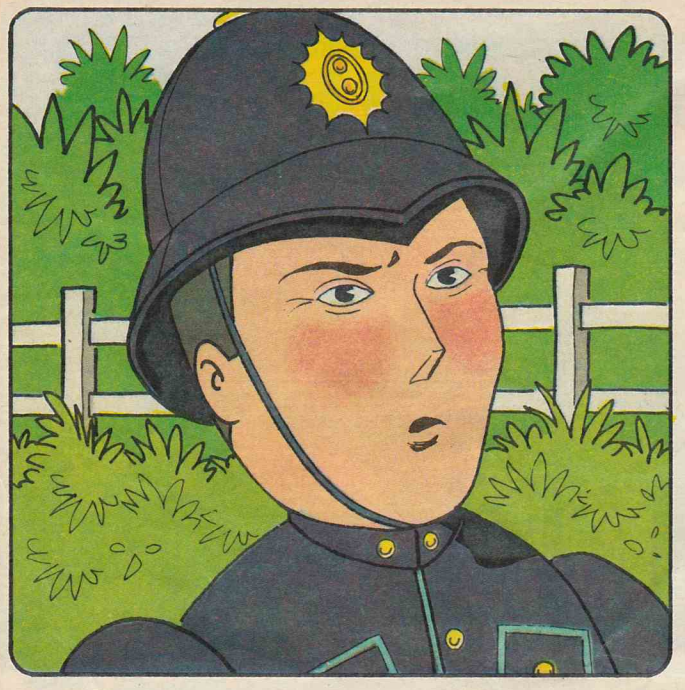
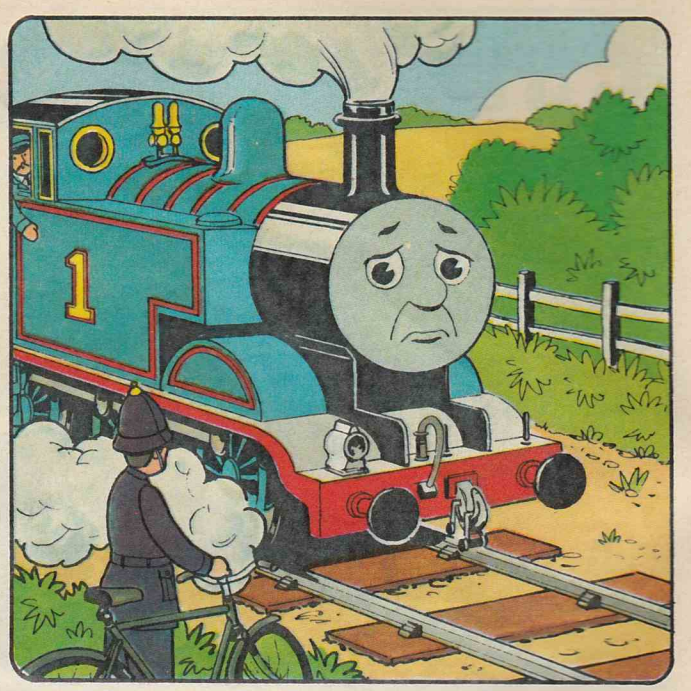


1. At the end of Thomas's branch line there is a line to a quarry. It runs along by the road. Thomas was always very careful to whistle there in case anyone was coming.

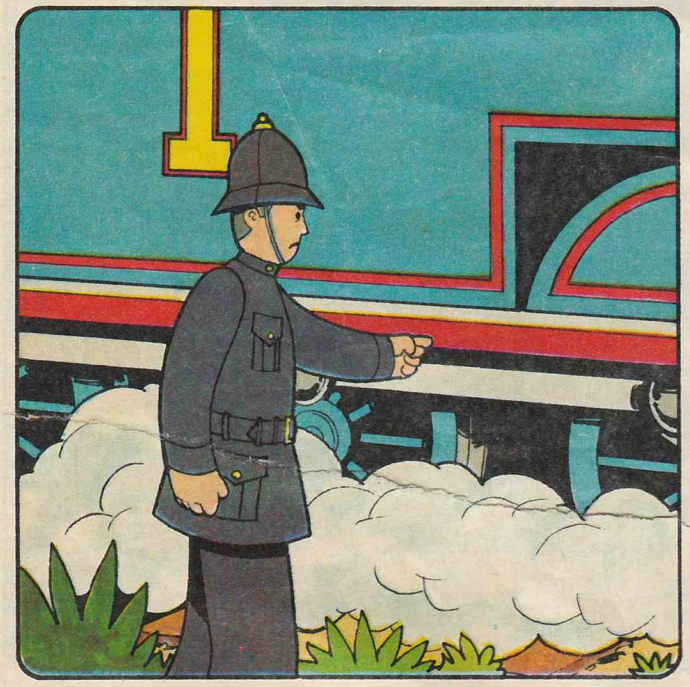
2. Early one morning a new policeman was standing close to the line. Thomas had been great friends with the old constable. "Peep peep," he whistled. "Good morning!"



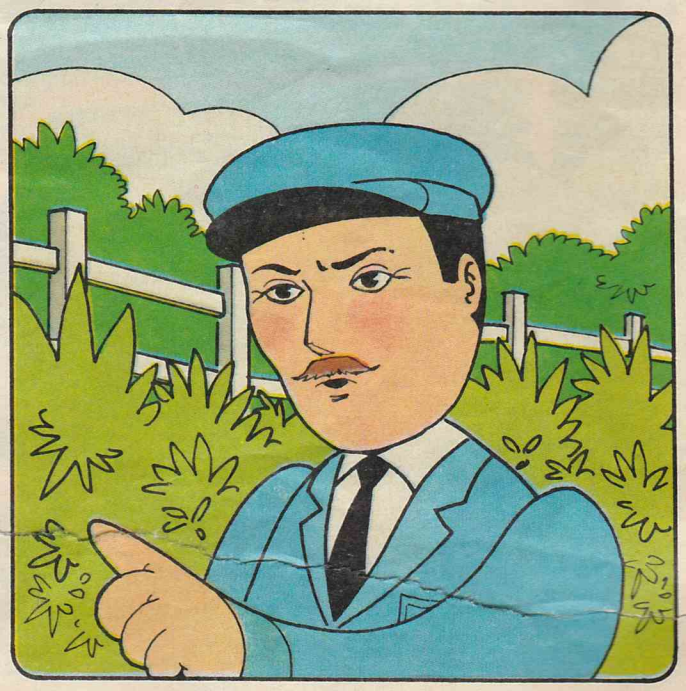
3. But the new constable didn't look friendly at all. He was red in the face and very cross. "Disgraceful," he spluttered. "Whistling so suddenly behind me!"



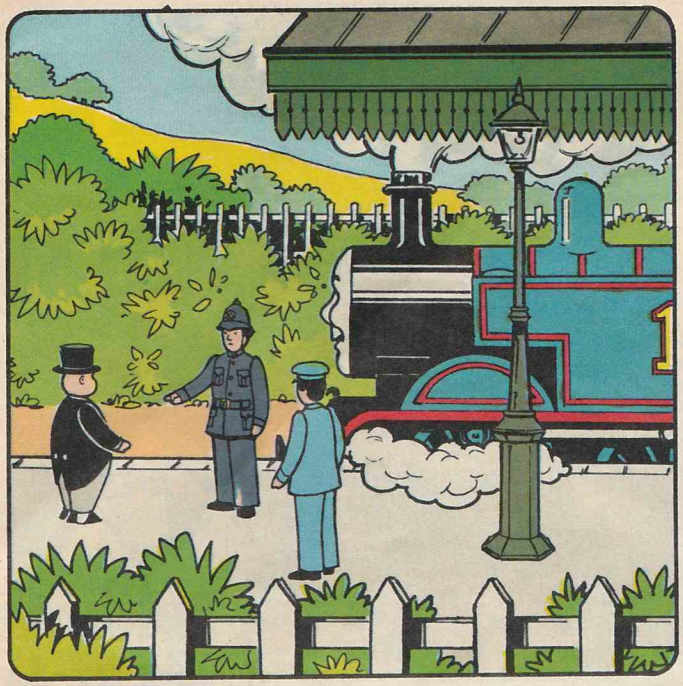
4. "I'm sorry, sir," said Thomas. "I only said, 'good morning'." "Where's your cow-catcher?" asked the policeman. "But I don't catch cows, sir," said Thomas.



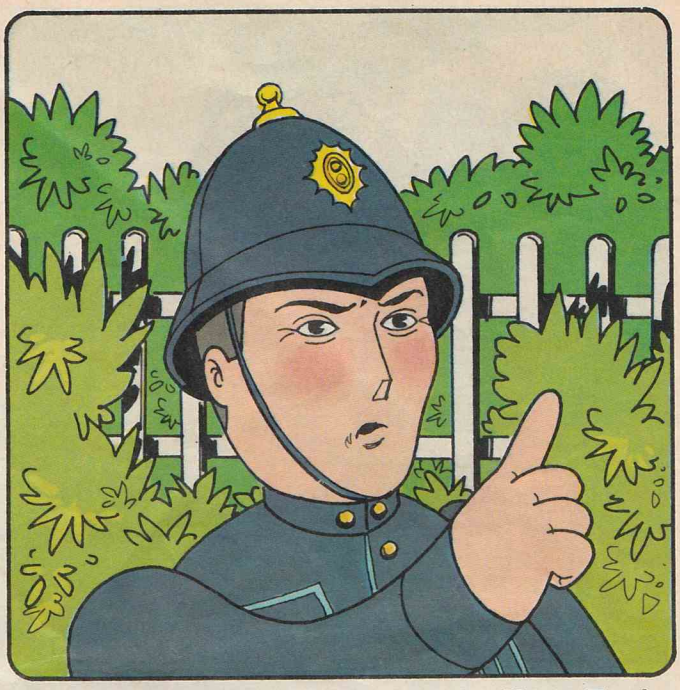
5. "No sideplates either," said the policeman as he wrote in his notebook. "Engines going on public roads must have their wheels covered and a cowcatcher in front!"



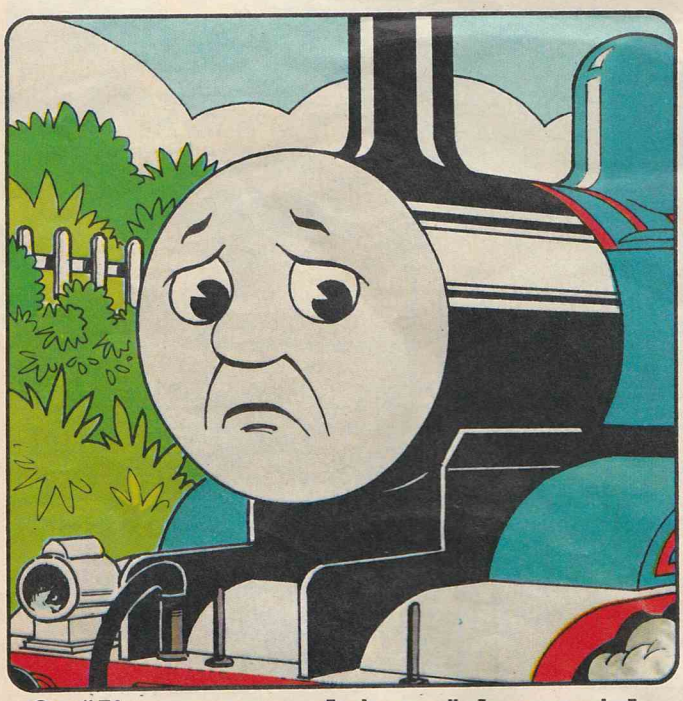
6. "But we've been along here hundreds of times and never had an accident," said Thomas's driver. "That's worse," said the policeman, "Being a regular offender."



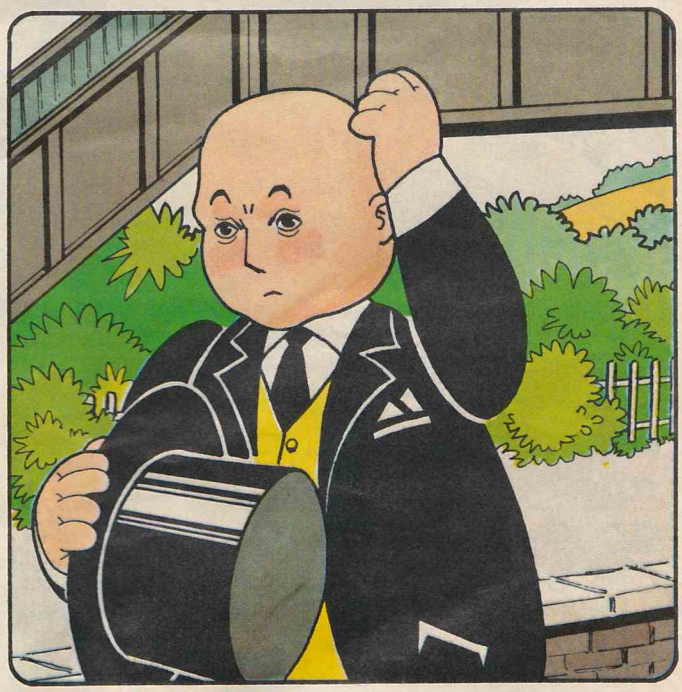
7. At the station, Thomas's driver told the Fat Controller what had happened. "We shall see about that!" he said. "Dangerous indeed!" He spoke to the policeman.



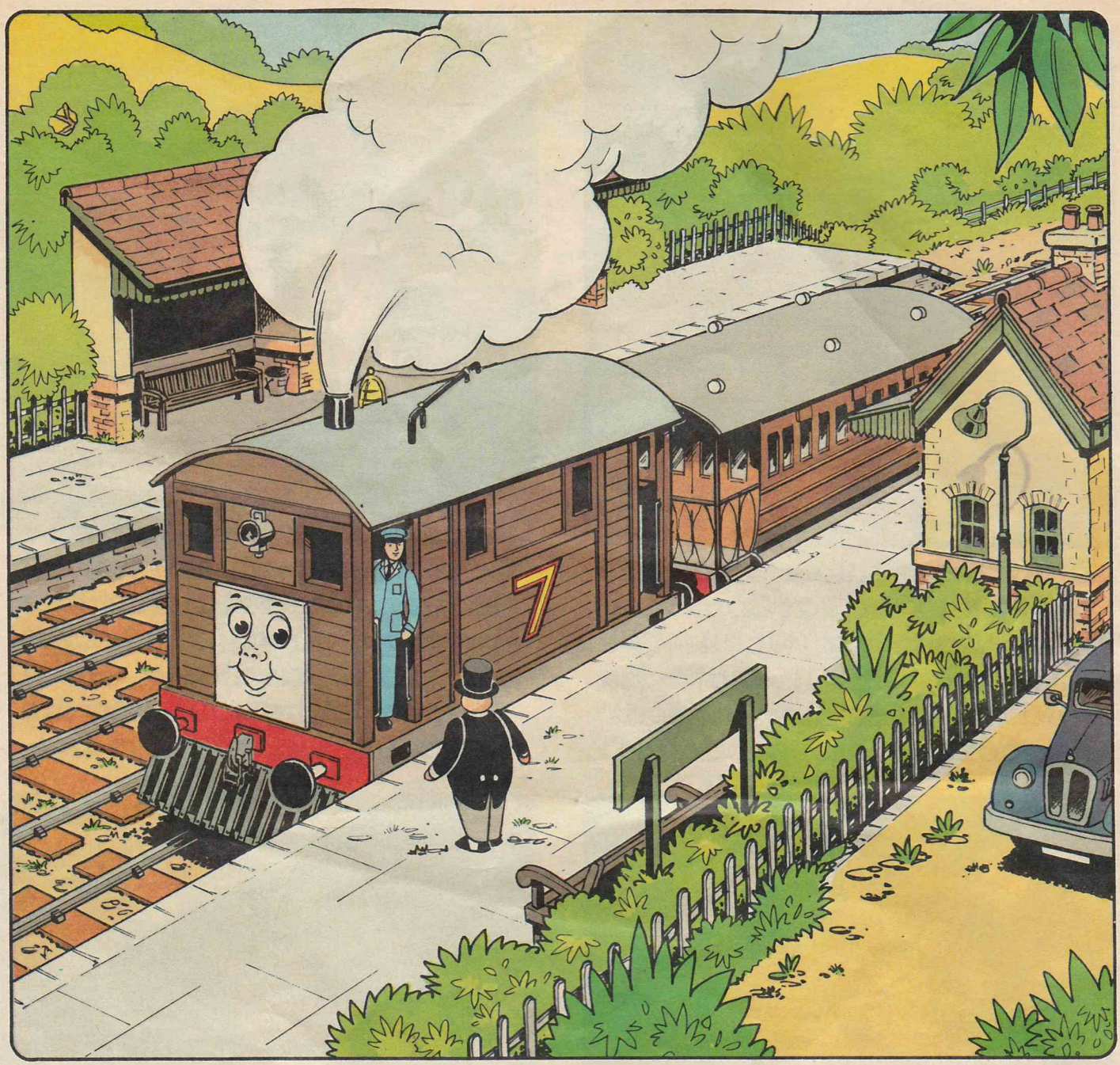
8. But however much the Fat Controller argued with him it was no good. "The Law is the Law, and we can't change it," he said. The Fat Controller felt exhausted.



9. "I'm sorry, driver," he said. "We will have to make those cow-catcher things for Thomas." "But everyone will laugh," said Thomas. "They will say I look like a Tram."



10. "Well done, Thomas!" the Fat Controller laughed. "Why didn't I think of it before? We want a Tram Engine! I met just the engine on holiday. I'll write to his Controller at once!"



11. A few days later Toby arrived. He had cowcatchers and side plates. "That's a good engine," said the Fat Controller. "I see you've brought your coach, Henrietta, with you." "You don't mind, do you sir?" asked Toby. "The Station Master wanted to use her as a hen house, and that would never do." The Fat Controller smiled.

12. "No, indeed," said the Fat Controller. "That would never do." Toby made the silly trucks behave even better than Thomas did. At first Thomas was a little jealous of Toby. But when Toby rang his bell and gave the policeman a fright, he was very pleased. Thomas and Toby have been the best of friends ever since.

THE END

In our next issue: Gordon comes off the rails!

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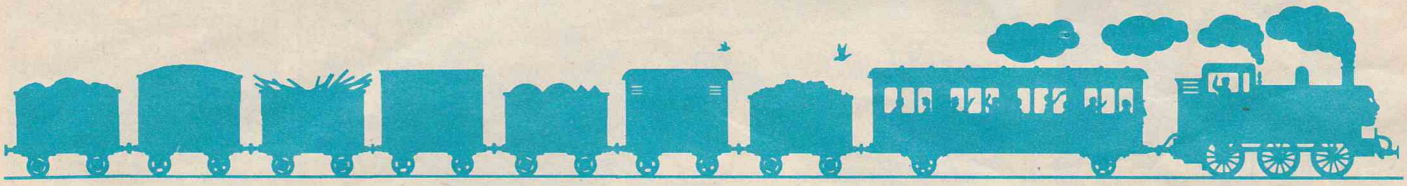
A read-aloud story!

A Surprise for Thomas

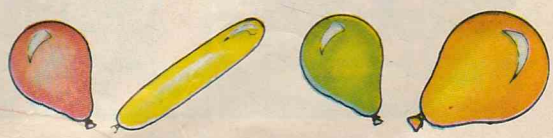


Every morning, during the school term, Thomas would take a group of schoolchildren along his branch line to school. He liked them, even though they were sometimes noisy. One day they were even more noisy than usual.

"What's all the noise for?" Thomas asked one boy.

"It's Jane's birthday," the boy said. "She's the smallest and quietest person in the class so we are having a big party for her on the way to school."

As he went along Thomas heard all the fun and games from inside Annie and Clarabel, his coaches. But soon they arrived at the station near the school and the children all got off. Thomas felt sad. He had not seen the party and now it was over. "Why can't I have a birthday party?" Thomas asked his driver. "Don't be silly, engines don't have birthdays!" he was told. Thomas did not like that at all.

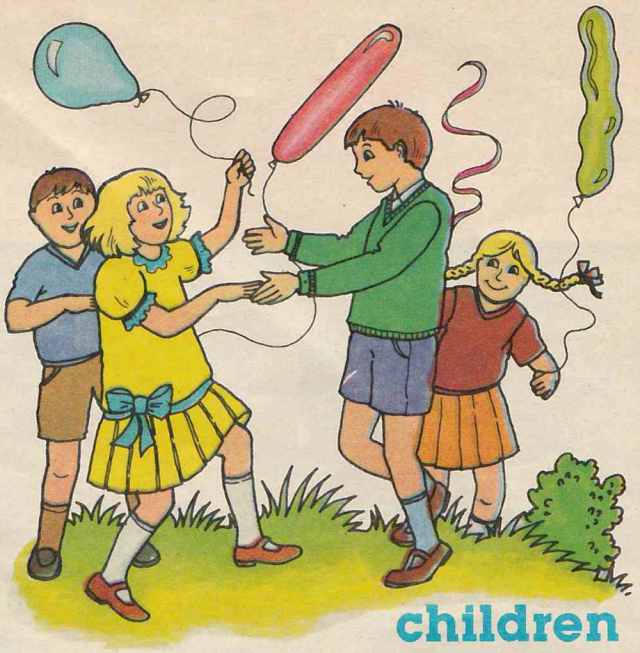


For the rest of the week Thomas took the children to school in the morning and took them home in the evening. By Saturday Thomas still felt sad and did not expect to see the children again until Monday. But suddenly they all appeared in the station and gathered around Thomas, who was resting on a siding.

"Why are you all here?" asked Thomas. "There's no school today!" Just then the Fat Controller arrived on James's train. "Good morning Thomas, and congratulations," he said.

"Congratulations?" asked Thomas. "Is it my birthday?"

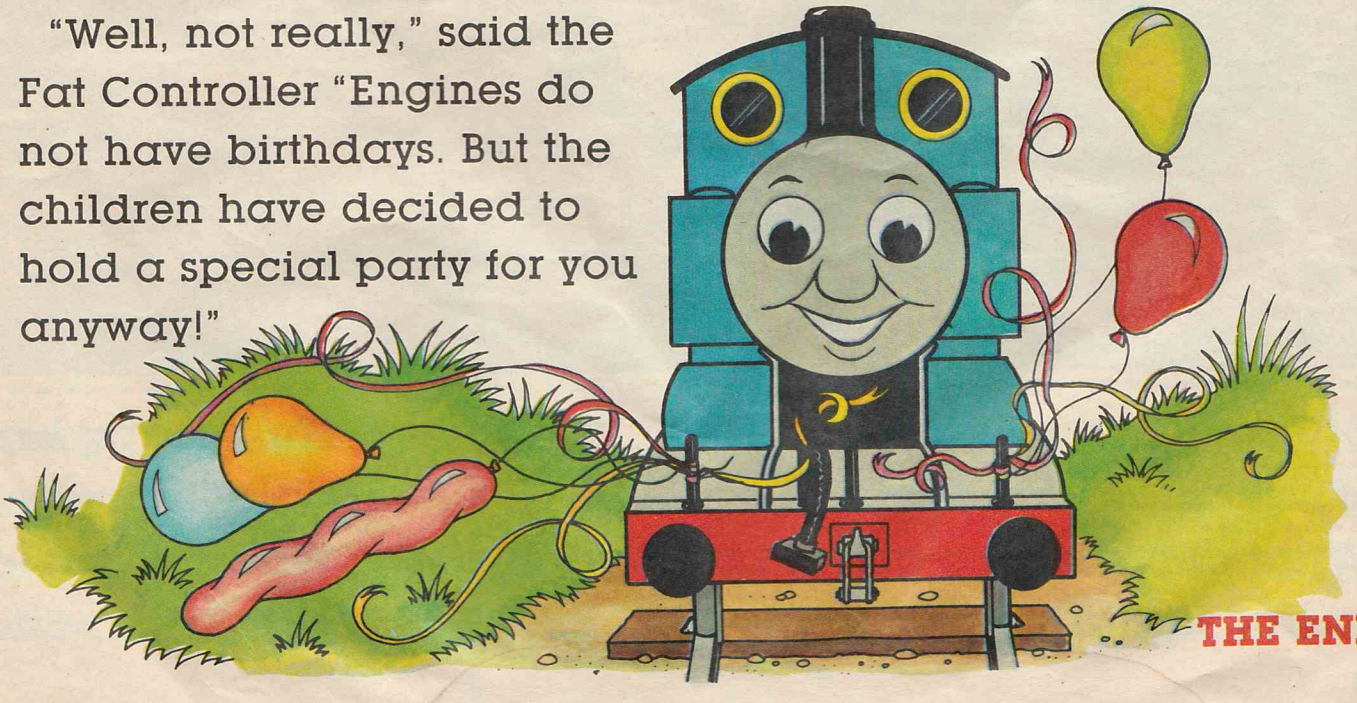
"Well, not really," said the Fat Controller "Engines do not have birthdays. But the children have decided to hold a special party for you anyway!"



children

All the children sang and played games around Thomas and then they helped his driver clean his paint and polish his dome.

"Thank you, everyone," said Thomas, "This is the nicest surprise I have ever had!"



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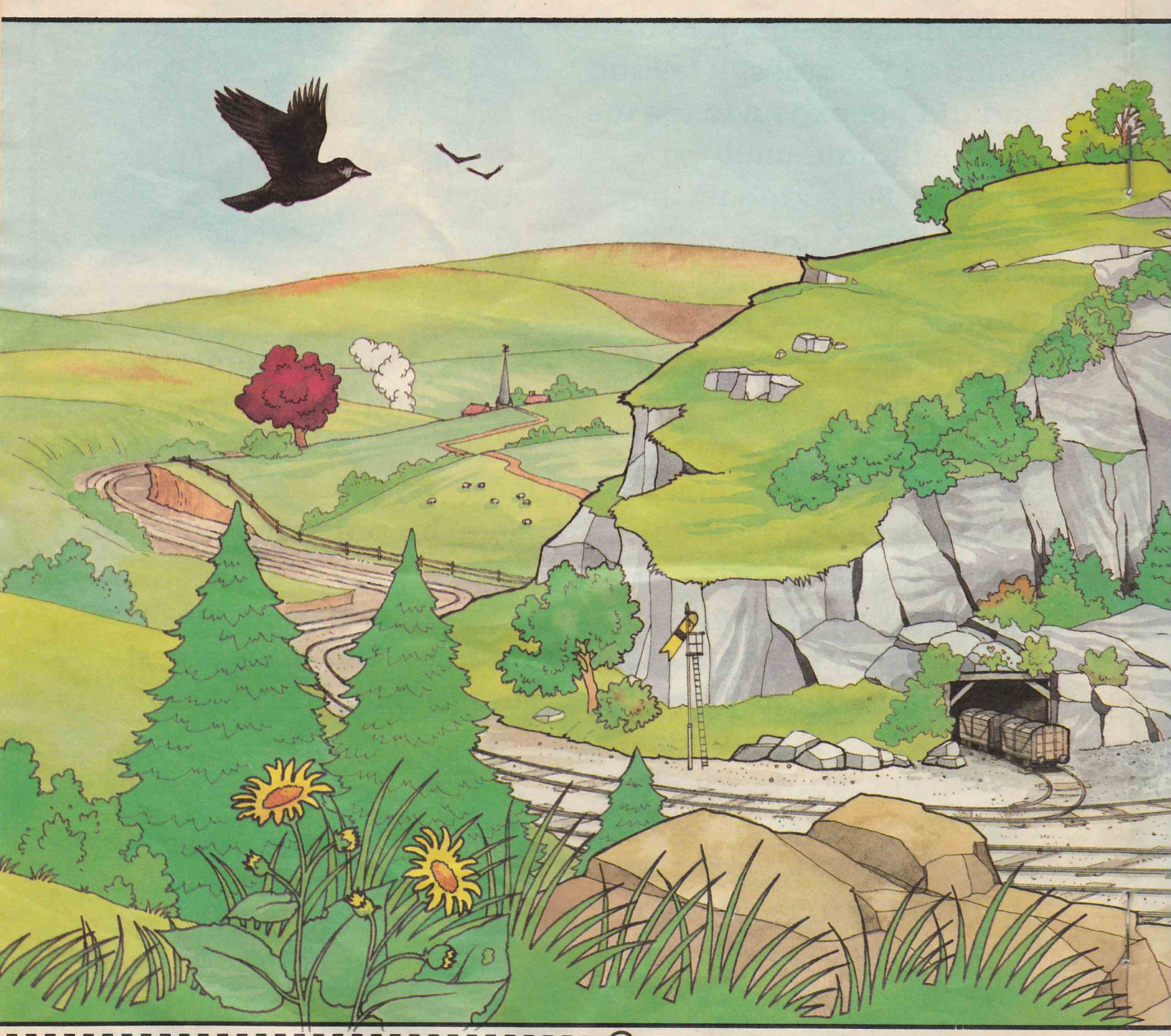

Bill and Ben are twins!

What colour are they?

What can you see going into the tunnel?

Is the signal up or down?

How many birds are

What colour are the

Where is the church

Is there another eng

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Note for parents

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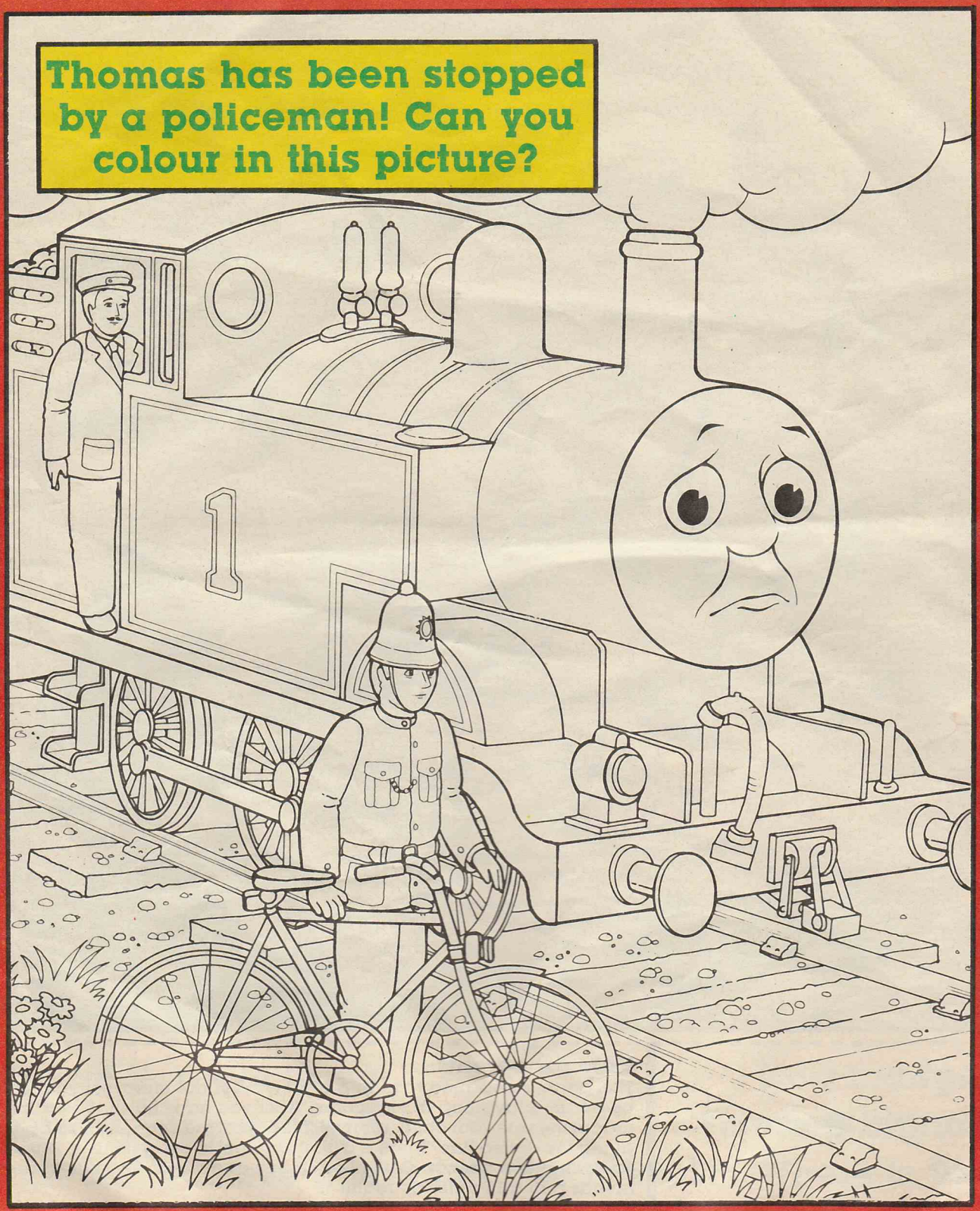
Next: Under the Bridge!

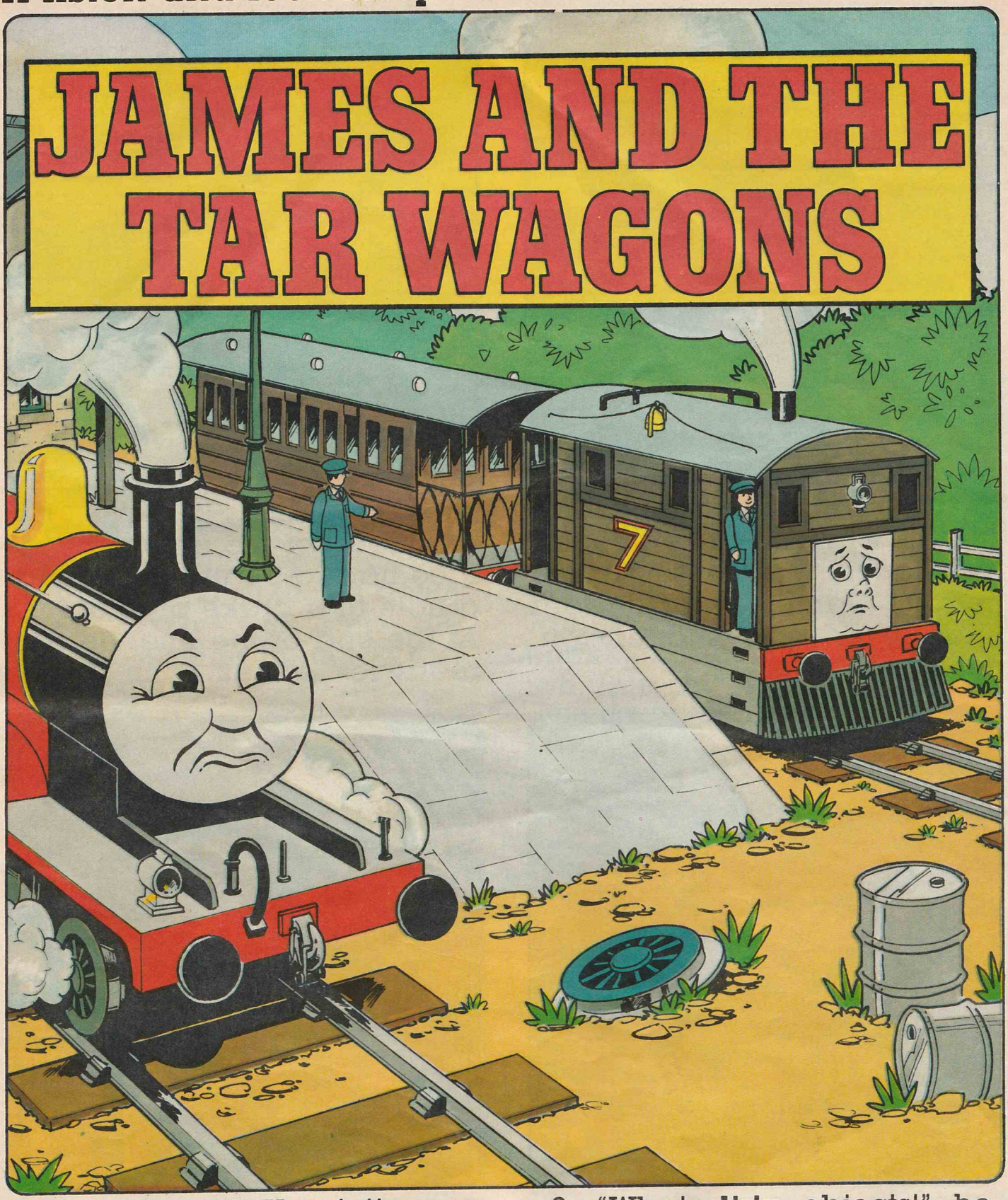
COLOURING TIME!

Thomas has been stopped by a policeman! Can you colour in this picture?



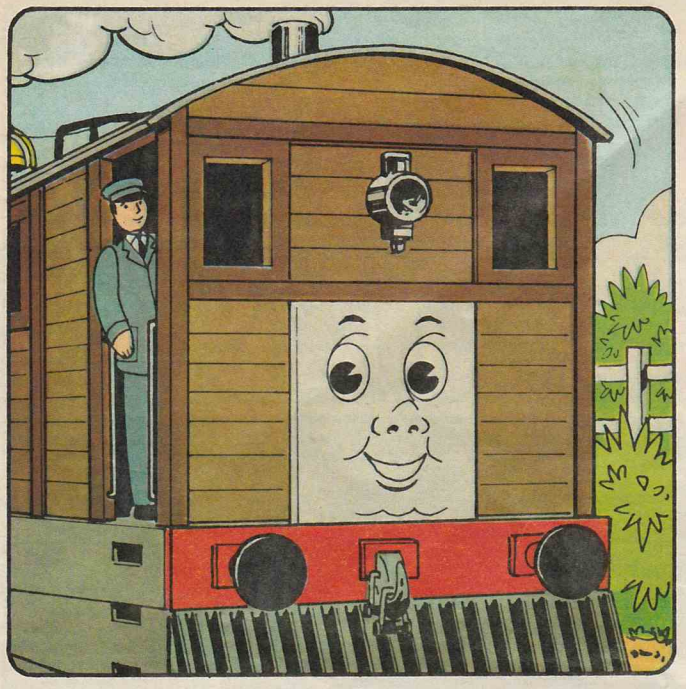
A listen and look story!

JAMES AND THE TAR WAGONS

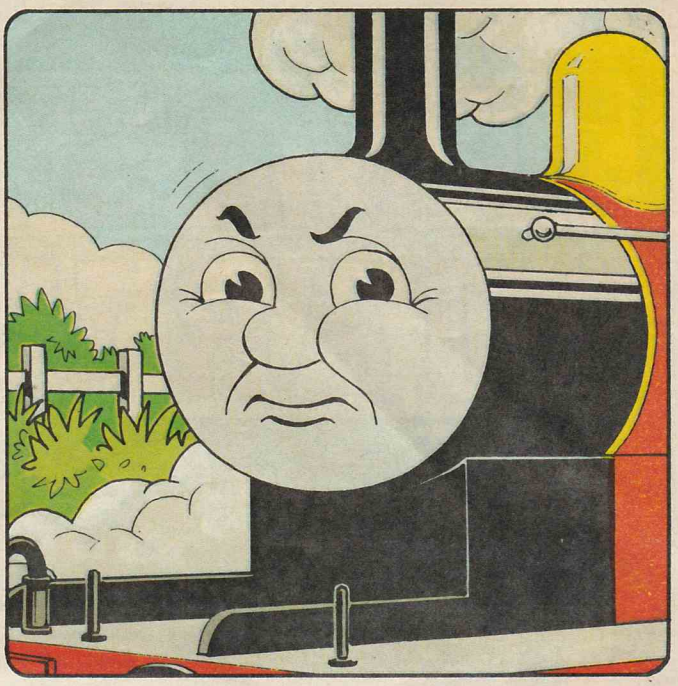


1. Toby and Henrietta are enjoying their new job on the Island of Sodor, but they do look old-fashioned and need new paint. At first James was very rude to them.

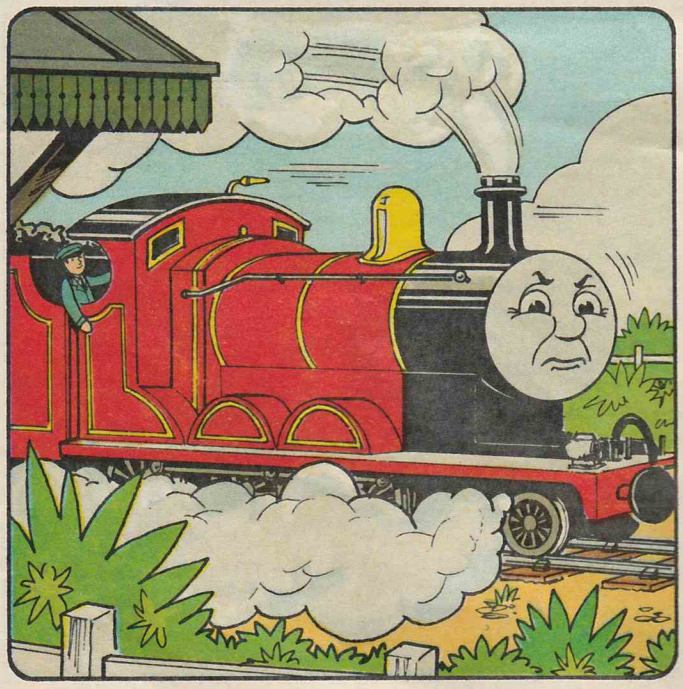
2. "What **dirty** objects!" he would say. At last Toby lost patience. "James," he asked. "Why are you red?" "I am a splendid engine," answered James. "Ready for anything."



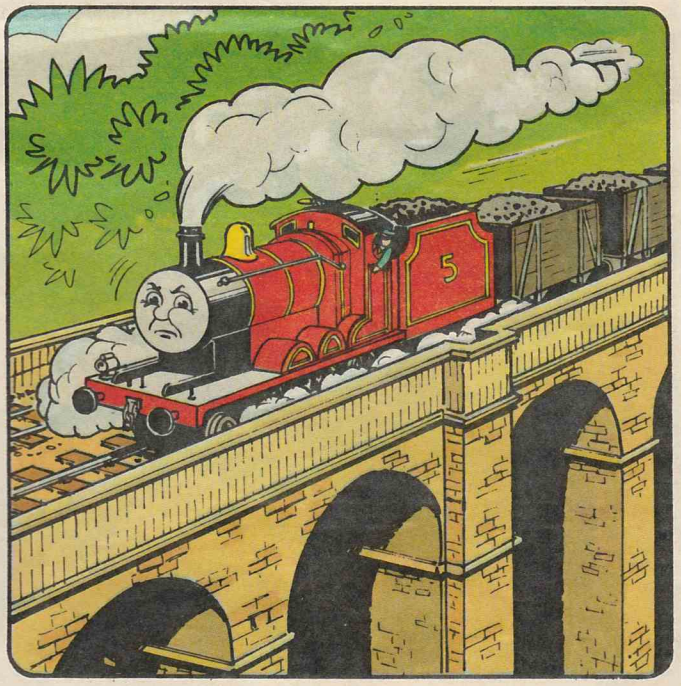
3. "Oh!" said Toby innocently. "That's why you once needed bootlaces, I suppose. To be ready." James went redder than ever and snorted off, feeling insulted.



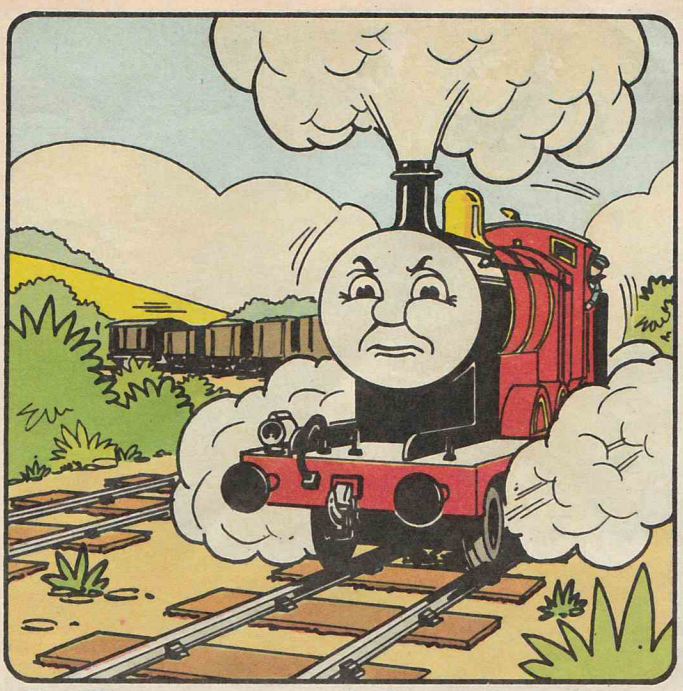
4. He didn't like to be reminded of the time a bootlace had to be used to mend a hole in a brake pipe of his. At the end of the line, he got ready for his next train.



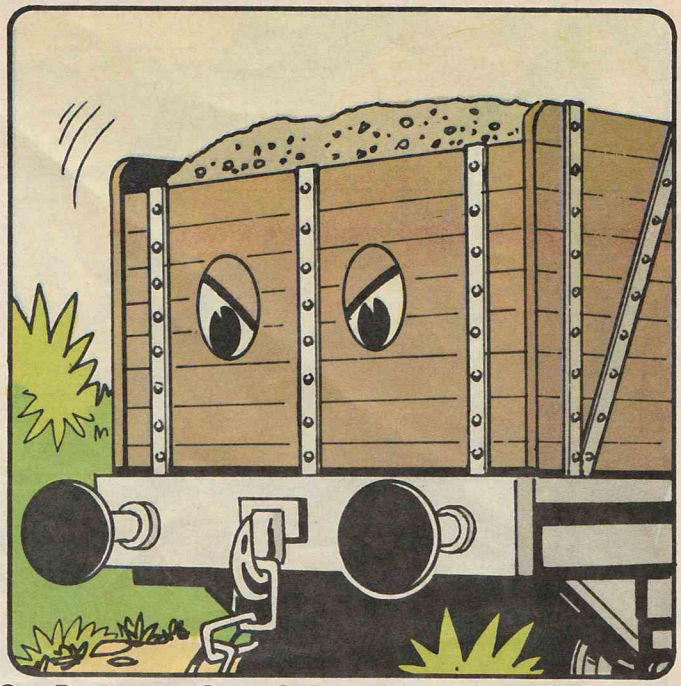
5. It was a "slow goods" train, stopping at every station to pick up and set down trucks. James hated slow goods trains. "Dirty trucks! Ugh!" he grumbled.



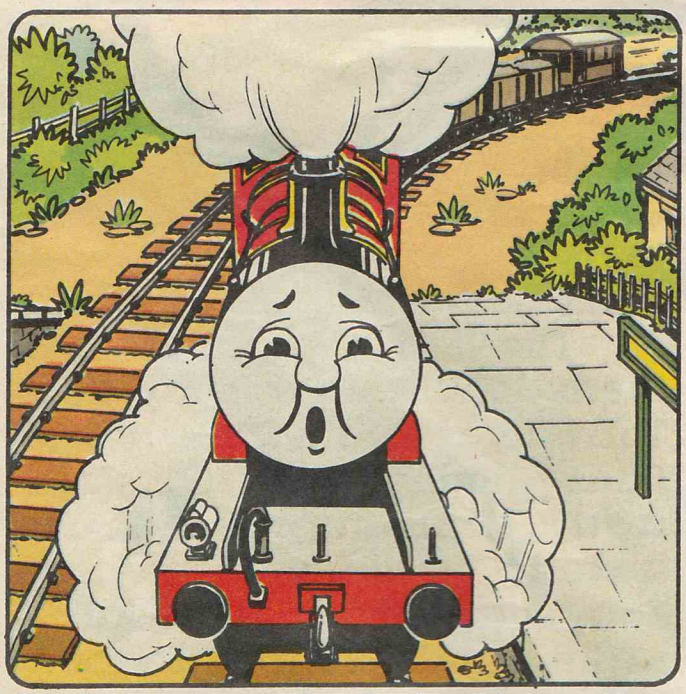
6. Starting with only a few, he picked up more and more trucks, till he had a long train. At first the trucks behaved well, but James was bumping them rather crossly.



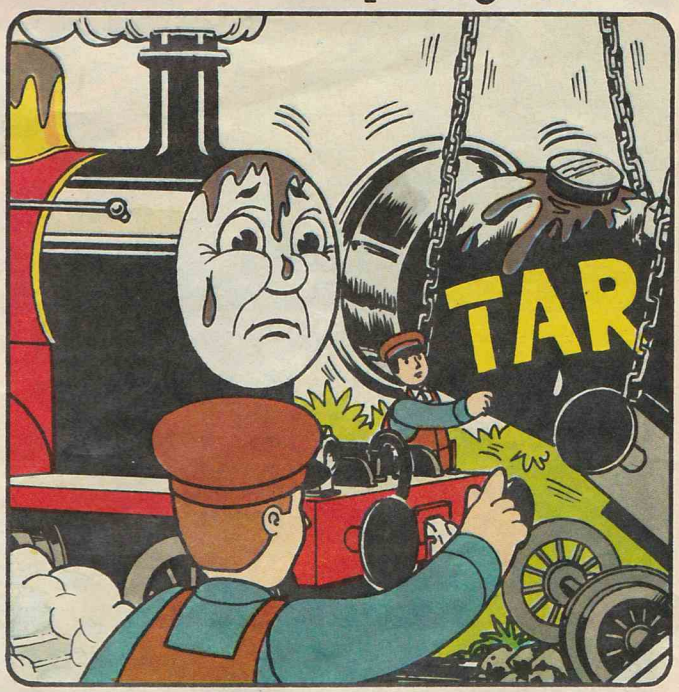
7. They were determined to pay him back. At the top of Gordon's hill, heavy goods trains must halt to pin down their brakes, to stop the trucks pushing them too fast down the hill.



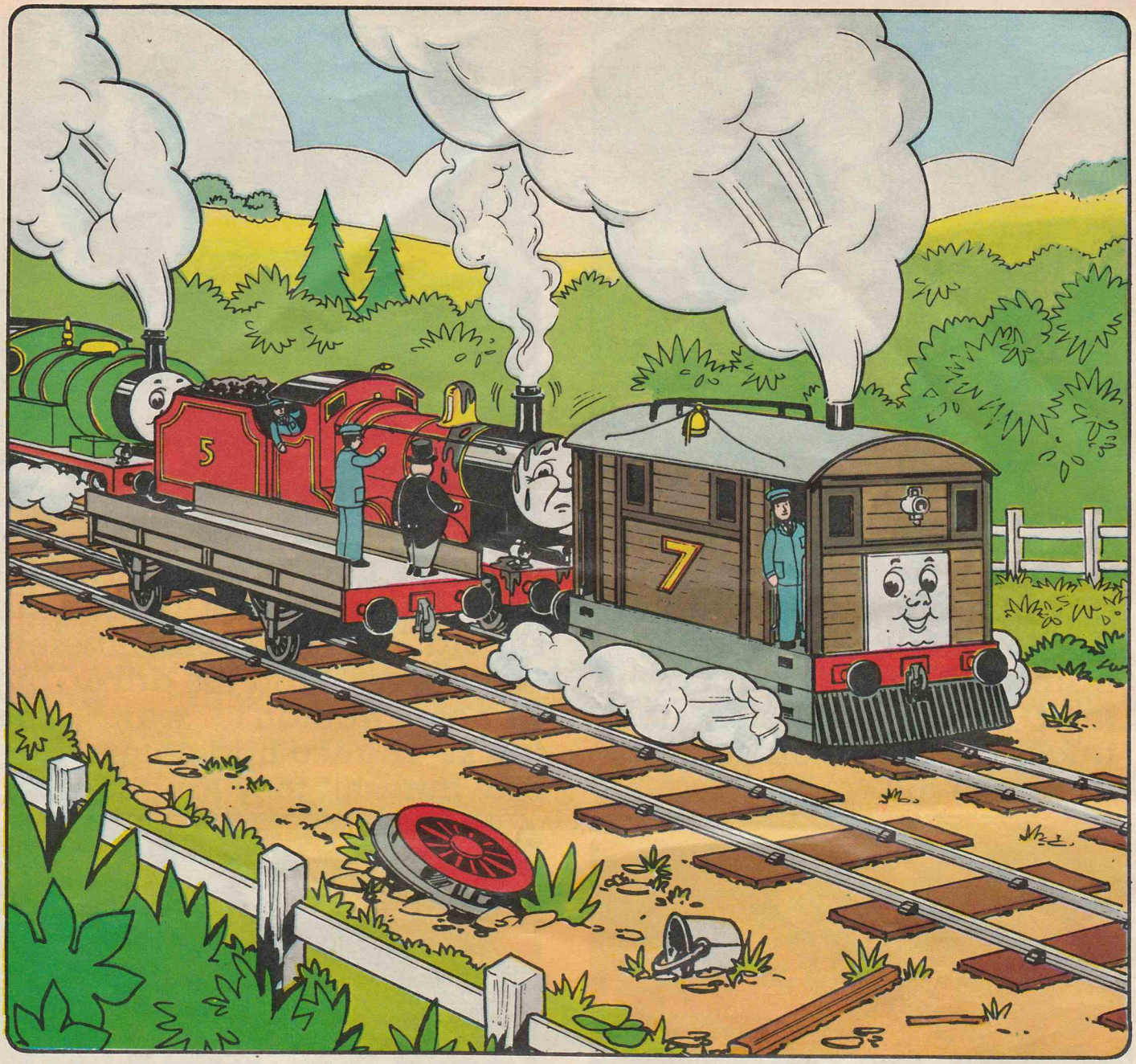
8. James had had an accident with trucks before, which he should have remembered. "Wait, wait!" said his driver, but James wouldn't wait. The trucks' chance had come. "Hurrah! Hurrah!" they laughed.



9. Banging their buffers, the trucks pushed James down the hill. "On!" they cried. "I've got to stop! I've got to!" groaned James. Disaster lay ahead. They thundered into the yard.



10. Something sticky splashed over James. He had run into two tar wagons, and was black from smoke box to cab. The tar wagons and some trucks were all broken to pieces.



11. Toby and Percy were sent to help and came as quickly as they could. James was more dirty than hurt. "Look, Percy!" said Toby. "Whatever is that dirty object? It's James's shape, but James is a splendid **red** engine and you never see **him** dirty." James pretended he hadn't heard. Toby and Percy helped James home again.

12. The Fat Controller met them. "Well done, Percy and Toby," he said. "But James! Fancy letting your trucks run away. I am surprised. You'll have to be cleaned at once! Toby shall have a new coat of paint and Henrietta too." "Oh, thank you, sir!" said Toby. All James could do was watch Toby as he ran off to tell Henrietta the good news.

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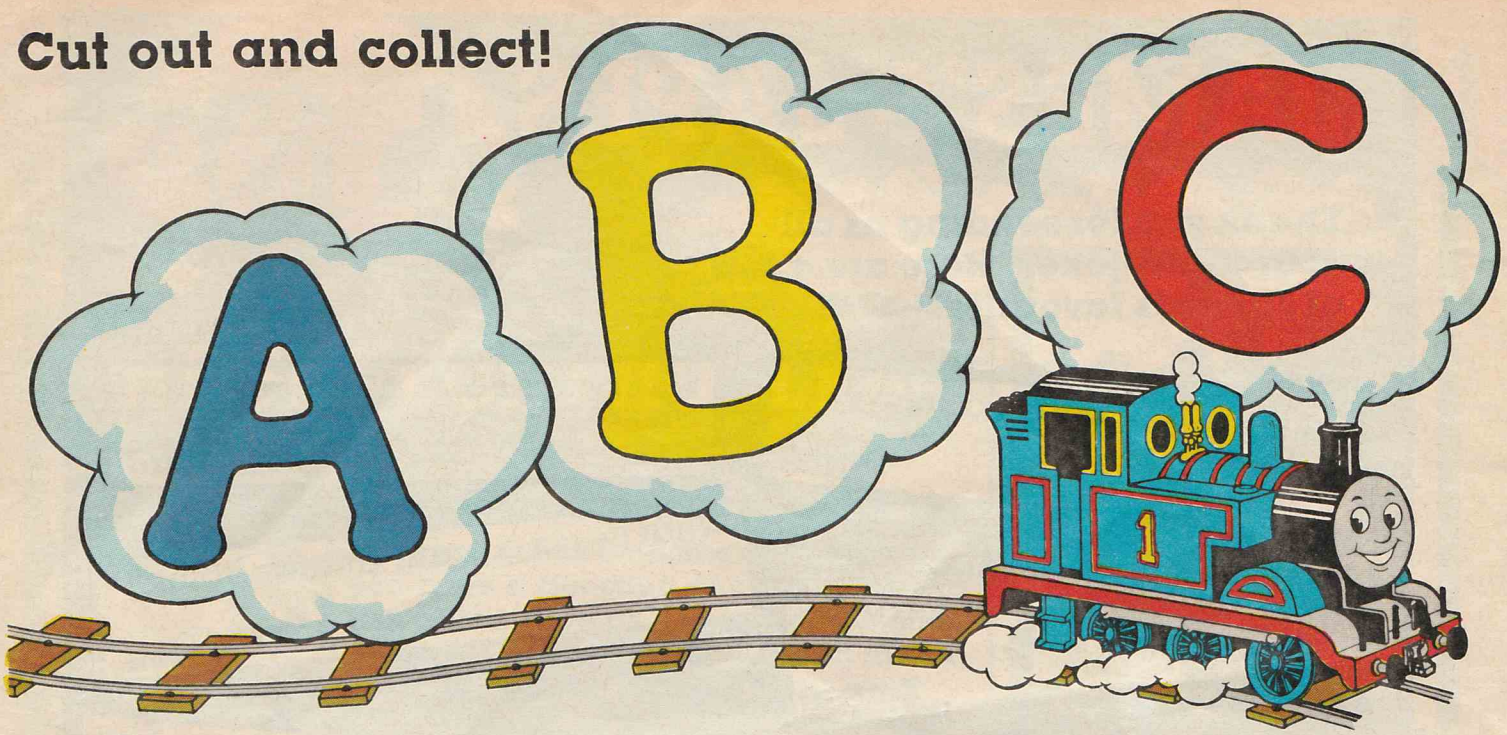
In our next issue: Thomas goes down a mine!

Cut out and collect!



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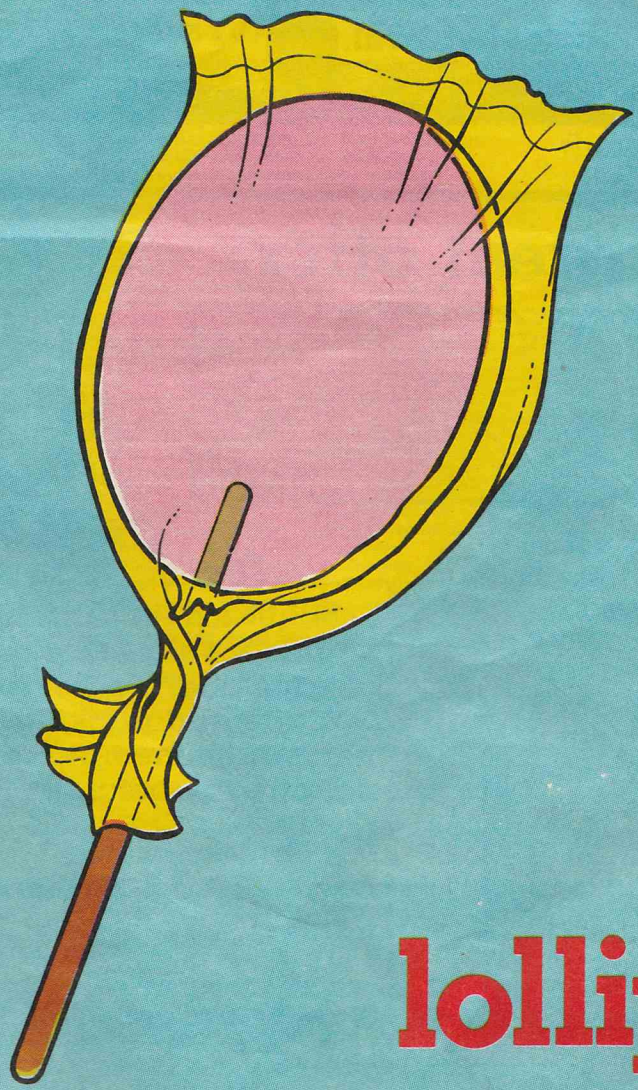

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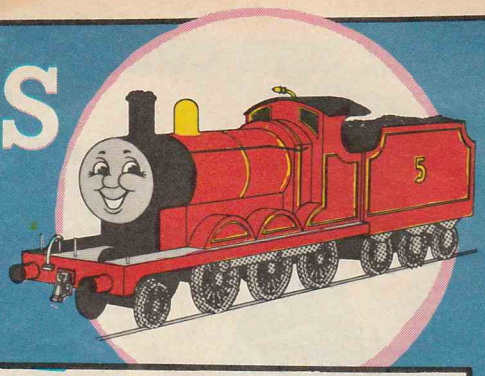


Thank you for sending us all your funny jokes. Here are a few of James's favourites!

What do you call two thieves?
A pair of nickers!
Niki.

What stays hot in a refrigerator?
Mustard!
Richard.

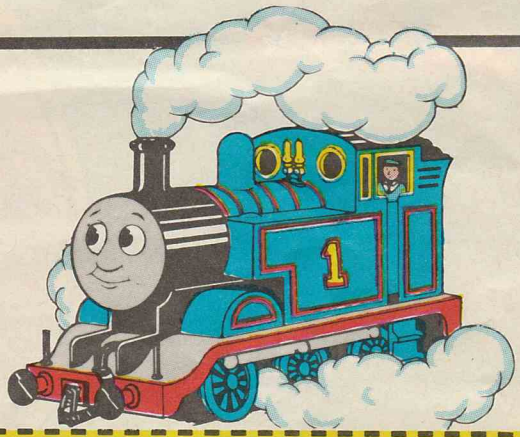
Where do frogs get money from?
The river bank!
Emma.

What lies in a pram and wobbles?
A jelly baby!
Neil.

What's the first thing ghosts look for in a newspaper?
The horrorscope!
Christopher Paul.

What do you call a mountain when it is being sick?
Volcano!
Helen.

News of a great offer!



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Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below! I would be so pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

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Dear Fat Controller,

I went into hospital on my third birthday to have an eye operation. When I woke up there were pictures of Thomas, James and Edward stuck all around my bed. That made me feel better.

Love to everybody,

Noah.

I am very pleased to hear that my engines helped to cheer you up, Noah. I hope you are fully recovered now.

Noah wins a splendid **Thomas the Tank Engine mug**, from *Bluebird Toys!*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Our special birthday wishes go to:

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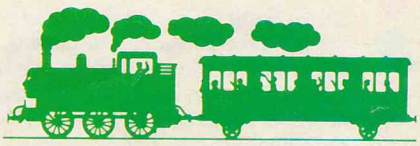

Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt

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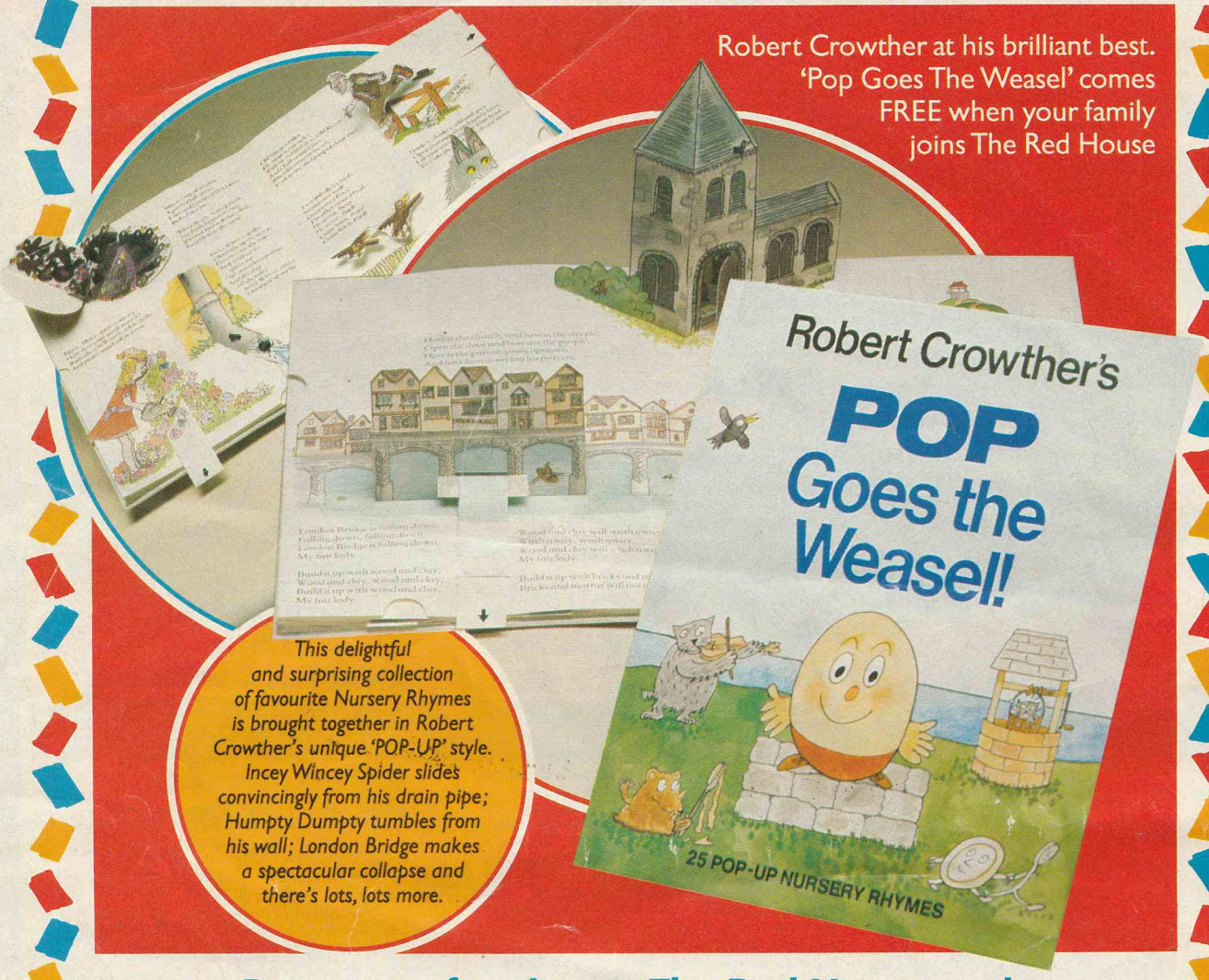

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